

c. c. judge, prudent. Perhaps too many of the People in Frederick who are connected with those in Baltimore, may be in the same Humour, but we flatter ourselves, great Numbers are of a different Sentiment. We shall order a Detachment of our Matrosses from hence with two Field Pieces, and have to Day ordered 10 Companies of Militia from S<sup>t</sup> Mary's, Charles and Calvert to relieve the Militia at Camp and, yesterday, the first and second Class from Washington, with the same Intention. We hope as all those have long been ordered to hold themselves in Readiness, they will, very soon begin their March and may be confided in to do the Business, if necessary in their Way. Advise us frequently of the situation of Things, as we may be able to give you timely Assistance, if necessary. We are Sir &<sup>ca</sup>

P. S. If not already done  
secure all Ammunition

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[Council to B. Mackall.]

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Sir.

It is quite uncertain whether it may not be necessary to keep up a Body of our Militia at Camp, and the Time of those who are now there being nearly expired, we request you will immediately order the first & second Class of the Militia of your County to march. They will do well to take each of them a Blankett, we have none with which we can supply them, and, such as can, a Gun. The Arms, Tents & Camp Kettles & Accoutrements in the Use of those at Camp, will be put into the Hands of those who are to supply their Place, but, probably, as is too common, some of the Arms may be carried away and others abused, so as not to be immediately serviceable.

Through this City will be the best Rout, and we shall be glad that an Officer from each Company should come to us here before the Militia get to Rawlings's Tavern. We wish all Expedition to be used as, eventually it may be necessary to form a large Body of Militia, or what is indeed to be wished our Affairs may be in such a Situation as to allow us to dismiss them on the Way. We are &<sup>ca</sup>

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